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*CIA 2-04.2 student groups
Orig. Natl. Student Assn.
Pres. Thompson, Frank (Rep.)
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PROGRAM The Sounds of the News

STATION WWDC Radio

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CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON INTERVIEWED

BUD STEELE: "Here in Washington, the revelation that the Central Intelligence Agency, which supposedly confines its operations to beyond our borders, has been secretly giving financial support to student groups both here and abroad, is still making waves."

"John Burnett reports from Capitol Hill."

BURNETT: "The flap over the multi-million dollar subsidy by the Central Intelligence Agency to the National Student Organization doesn't appear to have endeared either group to Congress. One lawmaker, Frank Thompson of New Jersey, a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, has some harsh words for the CIA."

THOMPSON: "The incredible thing is that CIA was so clumsy about the whole business. They've destroyed the NSA, they destroyed the credibility of -- a perfectly respectable and constructive student group, and they made suspect a number of foundations. I just hope that this thing doesn't lead too far and destroy what might may be a fairly sophisticated intelligence system."

BURNETT: "Congressman Frank Thompson of New Jersey."